

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 31, 2005

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 822**

**Introduced by Senators Margett and Romero**

February 22, 2005

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~~An act to add Section 17933.2 to, and to add Chapter 26 (commencing with Section 15360) to Division 7 of, the Water Code, and An act to add Section 601.2 to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority Act (Chapter 776 of the Statutes of 1992), relating to water, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 822, as amended, Margett. San Gabriel Basin restoration.

~~(1) Under~~

~~Under existing law, the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority and other public agencies administer or undertake~~ *administers* cleanup operations on behalf of the San Gabriel Basin.

This bill would authorize the authority, ~~and those other public agencies,~~ to receive state funds ~~to reimburse those public entities for costs incurred prior to January 1, 2006,~~ in connection with those *cleanup* projects for the purpose of meeting a certain federal requirement for nonfederal matching funds.

~~(2) The Costa-Machado Water Act of 2000 authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$1,970,000,000 to finance a safe drinking water, water quality, watershed protection, and flood protection program. Of those bond funds, the act continuously appropriates \$7,000,000 to the Department of Toxic Substances Control for allocation to local agencies for groundwater remediation projects.~~

~~This bill would specify that an allocation of funds under that provision to the authority is a grant and not a loan.~~

*The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.*

Vote: ~~majority~~<sup>2/3</sup>. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~  
no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

~~SECTION 1. Chapter 26 (commencing with Section 15360)~~  
~~is added to Division 7 of the Water Code, to read:~~

~~CHAPTER 26. SAN GABRIEL BASIN RESTORATION~~

~~15360. A public agency may receive state funds to reimburse~~  
~~that public agency for costs incurred prior to January 1, 2006, in~~  
~~connection with a cleanup operation on behalf of the San Gabriel~~  
~~Basin for the purpose of meeting the nonfederal matching fund~~  
~~requirement set forth in Section 110 of Public Law 106-554.~~

~~SEC. 2. Section 79133.2 is added to the Water Code, to read:~~  
~~79133.2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an~~  
~~allocation of funds pursuant to Section 79133 to the San Gabriel~~  
~~Basin Water Quality Authority shall be considered a grant and~~  
~~not a loan.~~

~~SEC. 3.—~~

~~SECTION 1. Section 601.2 is added to the San Gabriel Basin~~  
~~Water Quality Authority Act (Chapter 776 of the Statutes of~~  
~~1992), to read:~~

~~Sec. 601.2. The authority may receive state funds to~~  
~~reimburse the authority for costs incurred prior to January 1,~~  
~~2006, in connection with a project undertaken in accordance with~~  
~~this act for the purpose of meeting the nonfederal matching fund~~  
~~requirement set forth in Section 110 of Public Law 106-554.~~

~~SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the~~  
~~immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety~~  
~~within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go~~  
~~into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:~~

~~In order to facilitate the cleanup of groundwater in the San~~  
~~Gabriel Basin as soon as possible, thereby protecting public~~

1 *health and safety, it is necessary that this act take effect*  
2 *immediately.*

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